

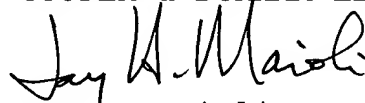
As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicant is a citizen and resident of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in a better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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